

## REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action the Examiner has rejected claims 1 through 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for certain stated matters. The applicant has addressed each of these matters in the above amended claims, and as such believes the claims should now be allowable.

In addition, claims 1 and 3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by U.S. Patent to Liou, and claim 2 has been rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Liou. In the amended claims, applicant now recites that the means for restricting rotation include a restriction groove on the partial circumference of the universal ball with a set screw in a screw hole reaching to the circumference of the universal ball. One end of the set screw enters the restriction groove so that the set screw thereby restricts the rotation of movement to more than a predetermined angle of the universal ball. Liou has no such restriction groove nor is there any other equivalent means of restricting the movement of the mount for the microphone. Thus, Liou can pivot 360 degrees and through each of the three different axes. Thus, as stated in the specification, this restriction prevents movement of the microphone to the area directly in front of the speaker where howling or feedback will not be generated.

Claim 4 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Liou in view of Geloso. Geloso is a pen support combined with a microphone, and it would appear that Geloso's mount simply rotates and is not adjustable as to the height of the microphone. Accordingly, there is no restriction groove nor a set screw which would restrict the rotation of the universal ball in accordance as recited in the claims.

The microphone support of the present invention includes a supporting pipe which penetrates the universal ball substantially in the center of the universal ball and which is fixed to the ball with a fixing member. A microphone cable passes through the universal ball through the supporting pipe. On the other hand U.S. 5,805,709 to Liou a microphone 50 does not pass through in a pivoting portion 41. The microphone 50 passes in a holding portion which is mounted on one end of a neck 43 projecting from the circumference of the pivoting portion 41. The microphone support of the present invention includes rotation-restriction means which has a restriction groove on the circumference of the universal ball and a set screw (a restriction boss) inserting into a screw hole on a mounting member, so that a rotation angle of more than the predetermined degree is restricted. On the other hand Liou's invention does not have a restriction means which can restrict the rotation as described and recited herein.

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and reexamination thereof.

With the above amendments and remarks, this application is considered ready for allowance and Applicant earnestly solicits an early notice of same. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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